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AMENDMENT

114/26 1120/27/03 In response to the Office Action dated November 18, 2002, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 7, 10 and 17 as follows:

--1. (Amended) A tiedown structure, comprising:

a semiconductor substrate having a chip formed thereon;

a kerf region proximate the chip; and

a conductive connector forming an electrical connection between the chip and the kerf region.

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